

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 11, AMEND claims 1-6, 8-10 and 12-13 and ADD new claims 14-16 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A printer, comprising:
at least one ~~card-sleuthost unit~~ receiving a data-cardportable storage unit having an image data and/or a specific execution file stored therein and an interface card for data communication with an external apparatus;
a detection unit detecting whether a memory card installed in the ~~card-sleuthost unit~~ is the data-cardportable storage unit or the interface card; and
a control unit determining whether to execute the interface card, if the interface card is installed in the ~~card-sleuthost unit~~ according to the detection unit, and communicating with the external apparatus according to the executing interface card.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The printer of claim 1, further comprising:
a storage unit storing more than one device driver corresponding to an installed interface card,
wherein if the interface card is installed in the ~~card-sleuthost unit~~ according to the detecting unit, the control unit determines whether a device driver corresponding to the installed interface card is stored in the storage unit to execute the interface card, and if the control unit determines that a device driver corresponding to the installed interface card is not stored in the storage unit, the control unit outputs a message that the interface card cannot be executed.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The printer of claim 2, further comprising:
another ~~card-sleuthost unit~~ receiving the data-cardportable storage unit storing the device driver corresponding to the installed interface card, if the device driver corresponding to the installed interface card is not stored in the storage unit.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The printer of claim 2, wherein if the control unit determines that the device driver corresponding to the installed interface card is not stored in the storage unit, the control unit generates a message requesting installation in the ~~card-slethost unit~~ of the ~~data-cardportable storage unit~~ storing the device driver corresponding to the installed interface card.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The printer of claim 1, wherein if the ~~data-cardportable storage unit~~ is installed in the ~~card-slethost unit~~ according to the detection unit, the control unit determines whether a specific execution file exists from among files stored in the ~~data-cardportable storage unit~~, and executes a specific function by executing the specific execution file, if the specific execution file is stored in the memory card.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of controlling a printer having at least one ~~card-slethost unit~~ receiving a ~~data-cardportable storage unit~~ and an interface card for data communication with an external apparatus, a storage unit storing at least one device driver corresponding to the interface card, a detection unit detecting a memory card type installed in the ~~card-slethost unit~~, and a control unit, the control method comprising:

detecting whether a memory card installed in the ~~card-slethost unit~~ is the ~~data-cardportable storage unit~~ or the interface card; and

upon determining that the interface card is installed in the ~~card-slethost unit~~, executing the interface card and controlling data communication with the external apparatus according to the executing interface card.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6, wherein the interface card executing comprises determining whether the installed interface card is executable by determining whether there is a device driver corresponding to the interface card stored in the storage unit.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 7, wherein the determining whether the device driver corresponding to the installed interface card is stored in the storage unit comprises generating a message requesting installation of the ~~data-cardportable storage unit~~ storing the device driver corresponding to the installed interface card, if the ~~devised~~ device driver is not stored in the storage unit.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 8, wherein the interface card

executing comprises executing the device driver stored in the requested installed data card-portable storage unit to execute the interface card.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 7, wherein the determining whether the device driver corresponding to the installed interface card is stored in the storage unit further comprises determining whether a specific execution file exists from among files stored in the data-card-portable storage unit, and if determined that the specific execution file exists in the data-card-portable storage unit, executing the specific execution file to execute the interface card.

11. (CANCELED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A printer, comprising:
a host unit receiving a memory card; and
a programmed computer processor detecting whether the received memory card is a
function extension type card, and executing the function extension type card to communicate with
an external apparatus having a compatible communication interface with a communication
interface stored in the extension type card. ~~The printer of claim 11,~~
-wherein the programmed computer processor further executes the function extension type card to execute new printer functions.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The printer of claim ~~11~~12, wherein the received function extension type card stores a plug-in program as a device driver; and
the programmed computer processor executes the plug-in program to execute the function extension type card.

14. (NEW) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:
removably receiving a portable storage unit in a host unit;
determining whether the portable storage unit includes an execution file or an image data file; and
executing a function of the image processing apparatus corresponding to the execution file stored in the portable storage unit, if the portable storage unit stores the execution file.

15. (NEW) The method of claim 14, wherein the execution file includes a plug-in

program.

16. (NEW) The method of claim 14, further comprising;
recognizing the portable storage unit as a general storage medium when the portable storage unit includes no execution file or the function for the image processing apparatus is not executed.